(c) What is the amount involved in purchasing these vehicles;

(d) whether the dealers of lhes» vehicles received Rupees 3,000 as handling charges for each vehicle; and

(e) 'f so, how much amount was recei ved by these dealers in various States, in cluding Pondicherry and whether they are entitled to the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER); (a) to (c) The requisite information js being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) There ;s no provision in DGS&D Rate Contracts or ad-hoc contracts for payment of Rs. 3,000 as handling charges for each vehicle. These contracts provide for p'ayment of the net dealer's price of the vehicle to the manufacturer exclusive of dealer's commission. In respect of contracts placed against requirements of Civil Departments there is a provision for payment of a mark-up ranging from Rs. 1000-each for Ambassador Cars, Premier Cars Mahindra & Mahindra jeeps and allied and commercial vehicles to Rs. 2000-each for Tata Tracks. This amount is 'also paid to the manufacturers alongwith the net dealer's price of the vehicle. This mark-up is meant to be paid by the manufacturers to their dealers, through whom the vehicles are delivered lo the consignee to cover the expenses of pre-delivery inspection and other free services. The Department is Hot aware of the amount p'aid by the manufacturers to their agents (dealers) for supplies made against the DGS&D Contracts.

Violation of labour laws by MES contractors

1097. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it *U* a fact that the Maintenance Engineering Service contractors who are executing the contracts at Rajpur have flouted the labour laws by paying salaries below the minimum wages and by not extending labour welfare measuies;

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(b) whether this Ministry has token any steps to ensure the implementation of labour laws strictly in the construction industry at Rajpur; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PA. SANGMA): (a) and (b) MES (Military Engineeringr Service) works at Raipur have commenced from May, 1985. There are 23 MES Contractors' establishments in the area. Regular inspections are conducted from time to time by the Officers of the Central Industrial Relations Machinery. Forty inspections have been, conducted under various laws namely Conctracts Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970. Minimum Wages Act, 1948; Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 and equal Remuneration Act.

(c) 8 prosecutions have been launched and one claim case is being filed under Minimum Wages Act.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के अधीन कपड़ा मिलों द्वारा कपड़े का जलाया जाना

1098. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 25 जनवरी, 1986 के कानपुर से प्रकाशित दैनिक ''विश्वमित्र'' में छपे इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की अर्थटन कपड़ा मिल के अधिकारियों द्वारा लगभग 1.5 लाख रुपये की कीमत का 25 हजार मीटर कपड़ा जलाया गया है जिसमें से कुछ वहां के सतर्कता विभाग द्वारा पकड़ा भी गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या उस मिल के श्रमिक संघ ने दोषी व्यक्तियों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही करने की मांग की है और यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?